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Our Case No. 9281-3995
(Client Ref. No. N US00077)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 Naoya Hasegawa et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/900,992) Examiner Christopher R. Magee
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Filing Date: July 9, 2001) Group Art Unit No. 2653
)
For: EXCHANGE COUPLING FILM AND)
 MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT)
 USING THE SAME)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

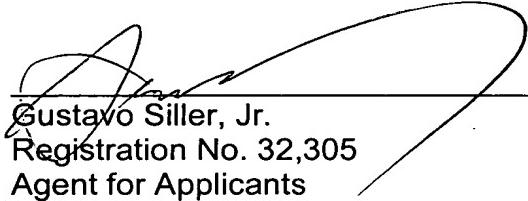
Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

- Applicant is:
 - a small entity, verified statement is:
 - attached
 - already filed
 - other than small entity
 - The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
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- An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
- Other: _____
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 25, 2006


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